

From the Editors

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For the interest of readers, the two remaining issues for this year will make up the trio of subject matters as follows: October will contain papers on vegetation exclusively, and December will concentrate on invertebrates.

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